El Rancho Verde MAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Council Members Present

Joe Ayala Lynn Boshart Lacy Kendall David Maskell

Gem Montes Bedalia Valdes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Boshart moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Council Member Maskell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chairman Remarks

Chairman Joe Ayala remarked that as the landscape project is nearing completion the MAC must move forward and address other areas of community concern.

Staff Reports

Field Representative - Lisha Smith

Ms. Smith provided information from the County's Animal Care and Control, including handouts and information on the new license fees that went into effect July 1, 2007. She reported that according to the August 2006 listing of foster youth services group homes in San Bernardino County, there is only one registered home in the El Rancho Verde area.

Sheriff's Department - Capt. John Powell

Capt. John Powell reported on the burglaries that have been occurring in the area. Most popular items are electronic. Capt. Powell suggested reporting any suspicious behaviors. Capt. Powell responded to questions from the public.

The Fontana Sheriff's Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated communities of Rialto. For non-emergency calls and/or information residents may contact the station at (909) 356-6767. For emergencies call 911.

California Highway Patrol – Officer Jim Smith for Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos was not present. Jim Smith reported that there would be a Special Investigations Team out in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino who will be patrolling from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., Thursday thru Sunday. He reported that there will be several radar trailers and motor officers behind the trailers to help with speeding and no seatbelt vehicles

There were five complaints in the month of June and were all successfully resolved. Opening of the 210 freeway will be delayed until a few safety issues are resolved. Officer Jim Smith reported that they have received a federal and state grant that will cover for a Seatbelt Campaign.

Office Jim Smith responded to questions from the public.

To report complaints residents are encouraged to contact the CHP front desk officer at (909) 383-4247. The CHP also offers a safe driving program for young drivers. For more info contact (909) 383-4247.

Old Business

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

Update on the Riverside Avenue Landscape Project- Tim Millington, County of San Bernardino Special Districts.

Mr. Millington reported that the project is moving along. Trees have been planted starting from the Country Club and lantana has been planted to cover exposed pipes. Hydro seed will be the last thing they do. He expects the project to be completed in the two weeks.

Tim Millington then responded to guestions from the public.

Please call Special Districts for any concerns: (909) 387-5940

New Business

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

None

Member Reports

Joe Ayala

No Report

Lynn Boshart

No Report

Lacy Kendall

No Report

Gem Montes

No Report

Bedalia Valdes

No Report

David Maskell

No Report

Subcommittee Reports

Code Enforcement – Bob Kerns

Coordination meeting with other MAC's. Group home issues were discussed. www.ccld.ca.gov is the state website to look up group homes in your area.

Community Enrichment – Gem Montes

Participation from neighbors and MAC is needed for a successful community enrichment program. The meeting will be held at 6:30 before the MAC meeting.

Median Project – Lynn Boshart

There is a development planned for Pepper Avenue. 112 acres will be developed, including 236 single homes, 550 apartments, and 3,400 square feet of commercial space. The development is in its planning stages. Peter Templeton is the developer for this project. No plans have been filed with the city of Rialto.

Signage Along Riverside Ave. - Lacey Kendall

Council Member Kendall reported that she received a free estimate for Knollwood Street signs. With \$350 to \$800 dollars the modifications can be made on the signs to make them look cosmetically pleasing. She also reported that she has identified a new prospective investor for the signage project.

After some discussion, Council Member Boshart made a motion to allow Council Member Kendall to move ahead with the cosmetic changes to the sign at Knollwood and to investigate the third perspective funder. Council Chairman Ayala seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Council Member Kendall recommended that fundraisers be held to raise money for extra community needs.

Public Comment

Comments regarding MAC Flyer: Residents remarked that flyers needs to be more eye catching to encourage more participation from residents, and need to be distributed at an earlier time to give residents enough notice.

Before adjourning the meeting Council Chairman Ayala made a motion to table the next El Rancho Verde MAC meeting until the second Tuesday in September. Council Member Boshart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm to the next scheduled MAC meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

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